

**THE MINUTES OF THE HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON  
FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES**

**Wednesday, January 25, 2006**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Room 326 House Office Building**

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The House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services was called to order by **Representative Stahl**, Chair.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade and Polidori.

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Representative Lemmons, Jr.

**Representative Vander Veen** moved to adopt the minutes of the **December 7, 2005** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Pearce**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Chairman Stahl** laid **HB 5258** before the committee.

HB 5258	Caul	Labor; job development; community action agency boards; eliminate conflict with departmental rules.
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**Representative Clack** moved to adopt the substitute (**H-1**) to **HB 5258**. The motion was supported by **Representative Polidori**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **6-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade and Polidori,  
Nays: None,  
Pass: None.

**TESTIMONY**

**Representative Caul**, sponsor of the bill, explained his bill to the committee.

**Gary Gilbert**, representing Mid Michigan Community Action, testified in support of the bill.

**Mary Ann Vandemark**, representing the Human Development Committee, submitted a card in support of the bill and did not wish to speak.

**Ron Hicks**, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Human Services, submitted a card in support of the bill and indicated he would speak if necessary.

**Ivan Love**, Director of the Community Action Agency, testified in support of the bill as substitute (H-1).

**Representative Hoogendyk** moved to report **HB 5258** with recommendation, as substitute (**H-1**). The motion was supported by **Representative Sheen**.

The motion prevailed by a vote of **8-0-0**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Representatives Stahl, Pearce, Vander Veen, Hoogendyk, Sheen, Clack, Spade and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

**Chairman Stahl** opened the floor for the presentation of the:

*2003-2004 Annual Report of the Office of Children's Ombudsman*

**TESTIMONY**

**Michael R. Harmon**, Acting Children's Ombudsman, testified. Questions and discussion followed.

**Stacie Bladen**, representing the Office of Children's Ombudsman, testified. Questions and discussion followed.

**Charlotte J. Smith**, representing the Office of Children's Ombudsman, testified. Questions and discussion followed.

**Ron Hicks**, Legislative Liaison for the Department of Human Services, gave comments in response to the report and offered to have Child Protective Services come before the committee and address concerns of the committee either collectively or individually.

**Representative Vander Veen** requested to have the Department of Human Services come before the committee as it pertained to Ron Hicks' offer. The committee concurred with the request.

**Representative Vander Veen** moved to adopt the minutes of the **December 7, 2005** meeting. The motion was supported by **Representative Hoogendyk**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

**Representative Polidori** moved to excuse Representative Lemmons, Jr. The motion was supported by **Representative Clack**. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

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**Representative John Stahl, Chair**  
**House Standing Committee on Family and Children Services**  
Malika Abdur-Rashid  
Committee Clerk  
517/373-7256  
2 Hours 45 minutes